number of flights between Calcutta and Agartala has been reduced;

(c) whether Government have any plan to rectify the situation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the private operators will be asked to play a role to improve the aviation linkage in the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of services between Agartala and Calcutta had to be reduced from 13 flights a week to 9 flights a week from 3-4-94 due to operating crew constraints.

(c) Efforts are being made to improve crew availability but the constraint still persists.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Observation of International Medical Commission on Bhopal Gas Tragedy

*65. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESWARI:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of observations made by the 15-Member International Medical Commission on Bhopal in relation to MIC-leakage tragedy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Government have not received any report from the Commission.

CSIR Study on Industrial Development

*66. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) had been entrusted the task of making a study on the Industrial Development in the country in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken by CSIR during the last three years and the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Repercussions of Sanctions Imposed by US on ISRO

*67.SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the two year sanction imposed by the United

States against the supply of Space components to Indian Space Research Organisation has largely affected the ISRO;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government have made any alternative arrangement to meet this situation; and

(d) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) The impact of the two year sanction imposed by the United States against the supply of Space compononents to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been minimal.

(c) and (d) ISRO, over the years, has tried to build up self-reliance in satellite and rocket technologies as well as in Space applications. Even in those areas where marginal dependency on the imported technologies exists, long terms strategies with necessary outlays are worked out to ensure timely action towards meeting the siuation arising out of the sanction. Due to this, the impact of the two year sanction imposed by USA on ISRO was largely minimised. The US sanction lapsed in May 1994.

Development of Airports

*68. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some airports for their development;

(b) if so, what are those airports;

(c) whether Bhubaneshwar airport is one of them; and

(d) if so, the fund estimated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of airports identified for development is given in enclosed Statement. (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total cost of the project is approximately Rs. 24.42 crores.

Statement

Names of the Airports which have been identified for developments

S. No.	Station's Name
1	Allahabad
2	Agartala
3	Ahmedabad
4	Amritsar
5	Aurangabad
6	Agra
7	Bangalore
8	Bagdogra (IAF)
9	Belgaum
10	Bhopal
11	Bhavnagar
12	Bhubaneshwar
13	Bhuj (IAF)
14	Bombay